IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a display;

a keyboard including alphanumeric keys each allocated to one character in a first input mode, wherein at least one of the alphanumeric keys of the keyboard is allocated to more than one character in the second input mode and is provided on a second side of the apparatus;

at least one cursor key ~~for selecting~~ configured to select a word generated by a predetermined program, wherein the at least one cursor key is provided on a first side of the apparatus, opposite to the second side, between the display and the keyboard;

a common button ~~functioning as~~ configured to be both an activation button ~~for activating~~ to activate the predetermined program and a determination button ~~for determining~~ to determine the word selected from candidates appearing on the display according to a number of times a selected alphanumeric key is pressed in a second input mode while the predetermined program is activated, wherein the common button is provided on a first side of the apparatus between the display and the keyboard,

wherein, when a user holds the apparatus with a first hand on the first side and a second hand on the second side, the first hand can access the common button and the cursor key [[are]] provided on [[a]] the first side of the apparatus, ~~between the display and the keyboard~~ but cannot access the at least one of the alphanumeric keys provided on the second side, and

wherein the second hand of the user can access the at least one of the alphanumeric keys ~~of the keyboard is allocated to more than one character in the second input mode and is~~

provided on [[a]] the second side of the apparatus, ~~opposite to~~ but cannot access the common button and the cursor key provided on the first side.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a pointing device configured to move a pointer appearing on the display in a desired direction, wherein the pointing device is adjacent to the common button.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the at least one cursor key includes a plurality of cursor keys arranged around a perimeter of the pointing device and the common button is arranged outside a perimeter of the plurality of cursor keys.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

~~wherein the ring of keys includes~~ a switch button configured to switch a direction of the display, and the switch button is adjacent to the cursor key.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

at least one auxiliary input key configured to input a first character when the predetermined program is not activated and to input a second character when the predetermined program is activated.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a mouse button set, including

a center button configured to scroll a screen appearing on the display;

a left button configured to operate as a first function button; and

a right button configured to operate as a second function button,

wherein the mouse button set is located near an opposite end from the common button and the cursor key in an axial direction of a hinge pin between the display and the keyboard.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the common button and the cursor key are only provided on the first side of the apparatus, and

the at least one of the alphanumeric keys allocated to more than one character in the second input mode is only provided on the second side of the apparatus opposite to the first side.

Claim 8 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

in the second input mode, a single letter is selected by the at least one of the alphanumeric keys allocated to more than one character, and

in response to the single letter selected by the at least one of the alphanumeric keys, the predetermined program generates a list including a single word and a group of words configured to be selected by the common button.

Claim 9 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the alphanumeric keys include individual keys corresponding to each letter in the English alphabet in the first input mode.